

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 2 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0184469) in view of Ouchi (U.S. Pat. No. 5,695,289). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishii in view of Ouchi as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Horve (U.S. Pat. No. 5,350,181). Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

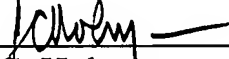
In response to the Office Action, the allowable subject matter of claim 4 as been incorporated into independent claim 2. Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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